

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**METHOD FOR SECURE E-PASSPORTS AND E-VISAS**

5 A method, program, and system for creating and
validating an electronic identification document are
provided. The invention comprises providing an
electronic document to a user, wherein the electronic
document contains input fields for personal
10 identification information, and receiving the user's
personal identification information in the input fields
of the electronic document. Next an electronic signature
is received from the user and attached to the electronic
document. An electronic certificate is added to the
15 document, and the entire document is encrypted. The
electronic document is then downloaded to a pervasive
computing device, such as a PDA, palm pilot, or mobile
phone. The electronic document acts as a legally valid
form of identification, such as a passport. To validate
20 the document, the document is uploaded from the pervasive
computing device to an authorizing machine which decrypts
the document. The digital certificate and electronic
signature attached to the document are then verified for
authenticity. After validation, the document is
25 re-encrypted and downloaded back to the pervasive
computing device.